

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

July 12, 2006

Item Number 4a

Resolution No. 3756

- Subject:** Transportation Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Background:** Under Federal law and regulation, transportation programs such as the 2007 TIP must be analyzed to determine if they conform with Federal air quality standards and plans (known as the State Implementation Plan or SIP). To make a positive conformity finding, MTC must demonstrate that the calculated motor vehicle emissions in the region are equal to or less than the motor vehicle emissions budgets as established in the State Implementation Plan for volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. MTC must also demonstrate that TCMs are being implemented on schedule.
- MTC prepared a Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis on the 2007 TIP in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) transportation conformity regulations and MTC's Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Procedures (MTC Resolution No. 3075). We have consulted with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force prior to releasing the Draft Conformity Analysis for 30-day public review starting on May 26, 2006. MTC held a public hearing on June 14, 2006, and the comment period closed on June 30, 2006. MTC staff will present the Final Conformity Analysis, which includes the responses to comments, to this Committee for approval at its July 12, 2006 meeting.
- Based on the analysis, the following positive conformity findings are made:
- This conformity assessment was conducted consistent with EPA's regulations and with the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Procedures adopted by MTC as Resolution No. 3075.
 - The 2007 TIP provides for the implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) pursuant to federal regulations.
 - For carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and nitrogen oxides, motor vehicle emissions in the 2007 TIP are lower than the transportation conformity budget in the SIP.
- This finding will also serve to redetermine conformity for the entire Transportation 2030 Plan. MTC staff recommends that the Commission approve this conformity finding, as described in Resolution No. 3756.
- Issues:** None
- Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 3756 to the Commission for approval.
- Attachment:** MTC Resolution No. 3756

Date: July 26, 2006
W.I.: 1412
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3756

This resolution finds that the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program is in conformance with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to achieve National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Date: July 26, 2006
W.I.: 1412
Referred by: PAC

RE: Approval of the Air Quality Conformity of the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program to the State Implementation Plan for Achieving and Maintaining National Ambient Air Quality Standards

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3756

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the region); and

WHEREAS, MTC has updated its long-range transportation plan for the region, the Transportation 2030 Plan, approved on February 23, 2005 (MTC Resolution 3681); and

WHEREAS, MTC has prepared the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which adds regionally significant, non-exempt projects from the Transportation 2030 Plan into the 2007 TIP (MTC Resolution 3755); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation 2030 Plan and the TIP must conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP), the federal air quality plan for the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, a TIP amendment requires a new conformity determination for the entire TIP before the amendment is approved by MTC, unless the amendment merely adds or deletes exempt projects (40 CFR Section 93.104(2)); and

WHEREAS, MTC has conducted a new transportation air quality conformity analysis for the 2007 TIP in accordance with the Bay Area Air Quality Conformity Procedures (MTC Resolutions No. 3075) adopted pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency regulations; and

WHEREAS, said conformity analysis is referenced in Attachment A of this resolution, and is incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the conformity analysis has been circulated for public comment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC finds that the 2007 TIP (MTC Resolution 3755):

(A) Conforms to the applicable provisions of the State Implementation Plan and the applicable transportation conformity budgets in the SIP approved for the national 8-hour ozone standard and for the national carbon monoxide standard; and

(B) Provides for the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures from the applicable State Implementation Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this conformity finding serves to also redetermine conformity for the Transportation 2030 Plan; and

RESOLVED, that Executive Director shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the federal Department of Transportation for its approval of MTC's conformity findings, along with a copy of the TIP and to such other agencies as appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jon Rubin, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on July 26, 2006.